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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT LAWS AND IDENTIFI-
CATION OF INDIVIDUALS OR OFFICES AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE WILDLIFE
IMPORT/EXPORT DOCUMENTS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL, EMBASSY OFFICER SPOKE TO MR.
ABDOOL W. OWADALLY, THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS IN
THE MAURITIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WHOSE OFFICE
BEARS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FORMULATION OF LAWS
REGARDING THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF WILDLIFE INTO AND
OUT OF MAURITIUS. MR. OWADALLY SAID THAT HIS OFFICE
HANDLES ALL REQUESTS FOR THE GRANTING OF PERMISSION
TO POTENTIAL IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS OF ANIMALS AND FOR
THE RAISING AND BREEDING OF ANIMALS AND WILDLIFE IN THE
COUNTRY AS WELL.
THE ACTUAL ENFORCEMENT OF MAURITIAN
LAW ON WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORTS HOWEVER, IS THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MAURITIAN CUSTOMS OFFICE.

2. MR. OWADALLY SAID THAT THE CURRENT MAURITIAN LAW
REGARDING WILDLIFE AS WELL AS THE LAW REGARDING THE
PRESERVATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES IS ANTIQUATED, AND
A NEW LAW HAS BEEN READIED FOR APPROVAL BY THE MAURITIAN
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GOVERNMENT. COPY OF CURRENT LAW AND IMPORT AND EXPORT FORMS WILL
BE POUCHED SOONEST. THE NEW LAW WILL BE POUCHED AS
SOON AS IT HAS BEEN APPROVED AND IS AVAILABLE.

3. MR. OWADALLY SAID THAT, WHILE IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS
ARE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF HIS
OFFICE FOR ALL IMPORT/EXPORTS OF WILDLIFE, THERE HAS

BEEN A PROBLEM WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT SINCE CUSTOMS
OFFICIALS ARE SOMETIMES IGNORANT OF THE LAWS REGARDING
DIFFERENT SPECIES OF BIRDS, ANIMALS, ETC. CONSEQUENTLY,
AN IMPORTER OR EXPORTER, WHO KNOWS HIS BUSINESS CAN
SUCESSFULLY EVADE THE MAURITIAN LAW WITHOUT A GREAT
DEAL OF EFFORT.
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